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SUBJECT: CCD: SWEDISH QUESTIONS ON "NON-STRATEGIC"
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE

REFS: A. GENEVA 11300, B. GENEVA 12771

1. AS REPORTED REF A, AT CCD PLENARY JULY 20 SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) ADDRESSED FIVE QUESTIONS TO CCD NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES CONCERNING THEIR PLANS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS (MINI-NUKES), ERW, IR/MRBMS) AND FOR DEPLOYMENT OF SUCH WEAPONS IN EUROPE. REF B REPORTED UK RESPONSE TO THORSSON QUESTIONS, NAMELY THAT UK HAD "NO PLANS AND HAS TAKEN NO DECISION" WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER TO ANY OF THEM. SWEDISH REP EXPRESSED THANKS FOR "CLEAR AND SATISFACTORY" UK REPLY, STRESSING THAT THORSSON QUESTIONS DEALT WITH ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR SWEDEN'S SECURITY.

2. THORSSON QUESTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR IN THEIR
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THRUST TO A SET OF FIVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS PUT TO CCD NUCLEAR STATES BY SWEDISH REP MYRDAL IN AUGUST 1973 (CCD/ PV.620, PP. 13-15), TO WHICH THORSSON REFERRED. ALTHOUGH THE NEW QUESTIONS TOUCH OTHER ISSUES AS WELL, LIKE THE EARLIER MYRDAL SET THEY REFLECT A CONCERN THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONRY MAY EFFACE THE FIRE-BREAK BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. (IN HIS

REPLY TO THORSSON, UK REP FIRMLY REJECTED THIS IDEA.)
PRODDED BY A SECOND SWEDISH STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT
(CCD/PV.633, PP. 9-10), US, UK, AND USSR ALL EVENTUALLY
RESPONDED TO MYRDAL QUESTIONS, THE US IN MAY 1974 (CCD/
PV.638, PP. 27-29), THE SOVIET UNION THREE MONTHS LATER
(CCD/PV.650, PP. 13).

3. WHILE DEL SEES NO NEED TO ADDRESS THORSSON QUESTIONS
BEFORE END OF CCD SESSION, HISTORY OF SWEDISH PERSISTENCE
ON THIS ISSUE MAKES IT LIKELY THAT WE WILL BE REMINDED OF
THEM, AT MEETING OF CD IN JANUARY IF NOT EARLIER AT THE
UNGA. FACT THAT UK HAS ALREADY RESPONDED AND PRECEDENT OF
US REPLY TO MYRDAL QUESTIONS WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO
AVOID ADDRESSING THE QUESTIONS AT SOME POINT.

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